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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KAO ET AL.

Examiner

Christopher M. Raabe

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 August 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment filed August 19, 2005 has been entered and acknowledged by the examiner.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9-14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nunomura et al. (U.S. Patent 6348762).

With regard to claim 9,

Nunomura et al. disclose a transparent electrode (12,13 of fig 12) structure for a plasma display panel with a plurality of luminant units (17 of fig 12) between up and down substrates, wherein a comb electrode (4 of fig 12) has a main line across said luminant units and a plurality of branches (4a of fig 11 and column 13, lines 40-55) perpendicularly extending from said main line and located between said luminant units, said transparent electrode structure comprising: a plurality of bodies, wherein each of said bodies is located between two corresponding adjacent branches and said main line (3 of fig 12); and a plurality of connecting parts respectively located on two sides of said bodies, wherein each of said bodies is connected to

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two corresponding adjacent branches through two corresponding connecting parts, wherein each of said bodies and two connecting parts thereof have an arched shape to result in said body protruding into a discharging center in a luminant unit (3d of fig 11, fig 12, and column 13, lines 40-55).

With regard to claim 10,

Nunomura et al. disclose the transparent electrode structure, wherein indium-tin-oxide is used to form said bodies and said connecting parts (column 8, lines 41-42).

With regard to claim 11,

Nunomura et al. disclose the transparent electrode structure, wherein a hollow region exists between the transparent electrode and the comb electrode in each luminant unit (3,4 of fig 12).

With regard to claim 12,

Nunomura et al. disclose the transparent electrode structure, wherein each of said bodies is rectangular in configuration (3 of fig 12).

With regard to claim 13,

Nunomura et al. disclose the transparent electrode structure according to claim 9, wherein a width of each body is about 20% to 60% of a cell pitch thereof (3,14 of fig 12).

With regard to claim 14,

Nunomura et al. disclose the transparent electrode structure, wherein a thickness of each body is about 5% to 30% of a pixel pitch thereof (3 of figs 12, 16a and dashed lines of fig 16a).

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher M. Raabe whose telephone number is 571-272-8434. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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